

Fairs, Festivals and Events Ephemera Subject Files
1883-2015
(bulk 1971-2011)

Collection Summary

Creator: Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

Title: Fairs, Festivals and Events Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1883-2015 (bulk 1971-2011)

Summary/Abstract: A wide variety of material relating to various fairs, festivals and events held in Nashville, Tennessee, spanning the time period from 1883 to 2015.

Physical Description/Extent: .2 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom ephemera subject files

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Includes a wide variety of material relating to various fairs, festivals and events held in Nashville, Tennessee, spanning the time period from 1883 to 2015, with very few items dating prior to 1971. Materials include programs, posters, schedules, advertisements, invitations, brochures, postcards and similar items. Types of events include annual festivals relating to particular ethnic or nationality groups; food; and some music and art events. Single special events, such as Tennessee's Homecoming '86 celebration or the 1976 meeting of the United Nations in Nashville, are also included.

Some items concern events of a more general topical or thematic nature, such as dance marathons, flower parades, or military drill competitions. These items include a detailed program, including photographs of competing couples, pertaining to Leo A. Seltzer's "Walkathon" in 1934, which was a competitive dance marathon. Also included in these broad topical categories is an invitation to a reception for Admiral George Dewey and his wife at the 1900 Flower Parade; and a program for the Inter-State Competitive Drill and Military Encampment held in May 1883.

Two noteworthy events not covered by the Fairs Festivals and Events category include: the Tennessee Centennial Exposition (1897) which has its own category of Ephemera Subject Files; and the annual Southern Festival of Books, which has posters found in the Nashville Room Oversize Collection.

Also generally excluded are materials housed elsewhere under other categories of Ephemera Subject Files, such as sporting events (to be found in Sports Ephemera Subject Files); non-profit fundraisers (to be found in Organizations); art events such as crawls and craft fairs (to be found in Art); and Holidays.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Arranged alphabetically by event name.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: Some items may be restricted by copyright law or donor restriction.

Index Terms

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Tennessee Homecoming '86

Tennessee. State Fair

United Nations

Conference Names:

International Puppet Festival (Nashville, Tenn.)

Market Street Festival (Nashville, Tenn.)

Tomato Art Fest (Nashville, Tenn.)

Subjects:

Agricultural exhibitions – Tennessee

Art festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Central business districts – Tennessee – Nashville

Dance marathons – Tennessee – Nashville

Earth Day

Entertainment events – Tennessee – Nashville

Ethnic festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Fairs – Tennessee – Nashville

Family festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Flower festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Food festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Leisure – Tennessee – Nashville

Music festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Neighborhoods – Tennessee – Nashville

Parades – Tennessee – Nashville

Parks – Tennessee – Nashville

Popular culture – Tennessee – Nashville

Puppet festivals – Tennessee – Nashville

Special days – United States

Special events – Tennessee – Nashville

Tourism – Tennessee – Nashville

Places:

Centennial Park (Nashville, Tenn.)
East Nashville (Nashville, Tenn.) – Social life and customs
Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) – Intellectual life
Nashville (Tenn.) – Social life and customs

Genre/Document Types:

Advertisements
Brochures
Manuscripts (document genres)
Postcards
Posters
Programs (documents)
Schedules (time plans)

Associated and Related Material

Related materials may be found in Ephemera Subject Files under the following headings:

Art
Communities
Film
Holidays
Organizations
Parks
Sports
Tennessee Centennial Exposition

Separated Material

Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

Administrative Information

Copyright: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

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Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Rehoused and processed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2016.

All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Australian Festival, 2006
 Oversize only: Box 1 Folder 17
Bluegrass Fan Fest, 2011
Celebration of Cultures, 2007
Cherry Blossom Festival, 2012
 Oversize only: Box 2 Folder 19
CMA Music Festival 2007-2010
Dance Marathons, 1934
Earth Day, 2007-2015
 Oversize only: Box 2 Folder 20
Flower Parade, 1900
Gridiron Show, 1980
Homecoming '86, 1986
International Puppet Festival, 2008-2013
Italian Lights Festival, 2015
 Oversize only: Box 2 Folder 19
Market Street Festival (2 folders), 1975-1988
 1) 1975-1988
 2) 2 bumper stickers, n.d.
Military and drill competitions, 1883
Music City BBQ Festival, 2010
Nashville Arts Festival, 1958
National Folk Festival, 2011
Next Big Nashville, 2007-2008
Oktoberfest, 2005
Soul Food Festival, 2007
Southern Festival of Books, 2010-2011
 (but see posters in Nashville Room Oversize Collection)
Summer Lights, 1984
Taste of Music City, 2010-2011
Tennessee Literary Festival, 1987
 (see also above, Homecoming '86)
Tennessee State Fair (2 folders)
 1) Typescripts (n.d.) of information dating from 1855
 2) Schedules, 2005-2011
Tomato Art Festival, 2009
United Nations, 1976